A word to the Royaliſts, *or* Caveliers, &c.

GIve ear ye ſons of *Sodom*, and draw neer and harken ye wanton daughters of *Babylon*; for the Lords controverſie is againſt you, and where will ye be able to ſtand, or where will ye have your glory when the dreadful God of Heaven ſhall appear, to render a recompence unto his Enemies; yea then where will the proud leave his glory, or what profit will the ſons of vanity have of their pleaſure; for the acceptable year of the Lord is come neer to an end, and the day of his vengeance approacheth & his long patience hath much been abuſed by you, & his fierce wrath is ready to kindle; for you have nouriſhed your hearts as for a day of ſlaughter, and you have caſt forth your abominations as an overflowing Fountain. yea *Sodom* came ſhort of your wickedneſs, and the children of *Gomorrha* might be juſtified by you. Oh! how doth your pride and your ambition appear in the ſtreets of every Town & City; yea, becauſe of Oaths the Land mourns, & the Lord beholds your ſecret whoredoms, & your open rioteouſneſs & drunkeneſs is not hid from him: & what think you will the end of theſe things be? will not the Lord be avenged of ſuch a generation as this? yea aſſuredly you are fitting your ſelves as veſſels for deſtruction, for it is already entred into your borders, and deſolation is compaſſing you round about, and unleſs you ſpedily repent you cannot ſhun it, and if you defer repentance but yet a little ſeaſon, the day is haſtening that you ſhall ſeek it with tears and ſhall not finde it; therefore hear this you hard hearted ones and ſtiff necked, who rebel againſt the Lord your maker, there is a day haſtening, and an hour approaching, which will make you gnaſh your teeth for very anguiſh, and weepe and howl for very ſorrow, to conſider how you have ſlighted the day of your viſitation, and the things that belong to your eternal peace, but then it will be too late. Oh!

that you would yet be warned & lay it to heart, and consider before the day of calamity and hour of your distress cometh upon you: Oh! why will you perish, or why will you provoke so merciful a God to break forth upon you, whose delight is not in the destruction of sinners, but rather that they should turn from their wickedness & live. Oh remember *Nineveh* that great City how soon they were warned to repentance? Oh that you would take them for an example! but if you continue in your abominations and wickedness, and will not be allured by the tender mercies of the Lord, then this know, that his dreadful and terrible Judgements shall strike dread and amazement upon your hearts, and affright you by the fearfulness thereof, and then you shall know that your destruction is of your selves, and shall be left without excuse. Oh the vanity and lewdness that is found amongst you, it is hard to utter it; what spending, destroying, and wasting of the good creatures, is there daily upon your lust, whilst others are like to perish in your streets, with cold and hunger, for want of food & rayment; and if the Lord should visit you with famine and pestilence for the same, his judgments will be just upon you; for as you have known a day of his mercy held forth unto you, so you must know a day of vengeance to come upon you, as an irresistable flood which will swallow you up and none shall be able to deliver; and then you shall know you have been warned by such who desires the eternal good of your souls, yea then you shall know that it is in vain for bryers and thorns to set themselves in battle against the Lord, when he shall pass through you and burn you up, or for the potchards of the Earth to exalt themselves against their Maker, when he shall take you and dash you to peeces one against another; for he hath long been silent and held his peace, but if you amend not your lives with speed, this know, he will arise and will utter his voice as a Lyon out of the Forrest, and as a Bear bereaved of her whelps will he seize upon you, and then your proud lofty looks shall not daunt him nor make him affraid, for when he roareth out of *Sion*, his voyce will cause the beasts of the field to tremble, for who may abide the day of his coming, or what is able to stand before him when he shall appear, for my God is a consuming fire, and in his presence is everlasting burning; therefore hear and consider all you forgetters of God, and you that put

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the day of his coming affar off; you that drink wine in bowls, and are mighty to drinke ſtrong drinke; you that chant at the noiſe of the Vyol, and rejoyce at the ſound of the Organ, the day is haſtening that inſtead of your muſick and ſongs you ſhall take up a bitter Lamentation, when there ſhall be none to pity you; yea my ſoul hath often mourned in ſecret, with the conſideration of the doleful day of deſolation which is comming upon the wicked and adulterous generations, who have hardned their hearts againſt the Lord, and ſtopped their Ears that they might not hear reproof; for he that reprooveth ſin is become a prey unto them, and thoſe who come to deny ungodlineſs in any meaſure is perſecuted by them, even by the ſeed of *Cain*, who is ſtill riſing up to ſlay righteous *Abel* and his innocent ſeed where ever it appears; but the cries of the ſufferings of the innocent hath pearced the clouds, and is come before the throne of the Almighty, and hath entred his Ears, and he is ariſing to make inquiſition for all the blood and ſufferings of the righteous, from Righteous *Abel* unto the day of his cōming. Therefore woe unto that Generation who have cauſed the innocent to ſuffer, yea woe and ſorrow will be their portion, but this the Lord delights not in, but rather that you may fly the wrath that is to come by a ſpeedy repentance, and forſaking the evil of your ways, therefore hath he born with you all this time, & with-held his indignation from breaking forth upon you, and ſent his ſervants time after time, to warn you both by word and writing, and hath poured forth the Vials of his wrath upon an hypocritical Generation, in your ſight) who profeſſed him in words, but in their hearts rebelled againſt him; this hath the Lord done concerning you, yea he hath yet come nearer unto you, he hath raiſed up his faithful witneſs within your own conſciences to bear teſtimony againſt your ungodlineſs, and his righteous Spirit in your own hearts hath long ſtroven with you, but he hath ſaid, His Spirit ſhall not always ſtrive with man, and yet you make of all this a light thing, and as though he had done nothing concerning you, or as if there were no God to be feared, you ſtill ruſh on in the courſe of your ungodlineſs, glorying in your wickedneſs, and making a mock of ſin, and you are filling up the meaſure of your iniquities, and it is almoſt full, for you are ready to cry peace and ſafety, but ſudden deſtruction is even at the door;

for when the wicked crieth peace and safety, then sudden destruction is at hand; yea if you can stop the sun in his course, or the Sea from ebbing, and flowing, then may you stop and keep back the heavy and dreadful hand of the Almighty from falling upon you, except ye speedily repent; for if you go on in the excess of your ungodliness, you will assuredly know sin shall not go unpunish'd; & when your destruction and calamity comes upon you, you shall then know that you have often been warned in tender bowels of compassion to turn from the Evil of your wayes.

This is from one who mourneth in secret for you, to consider the day of your calamity which is comming as a flood, which will sweep you into the nethermost Hell except you repent with speed; yea this is given forth from one whom the Lord hath pulled as a brand out of the fire from amongst you who are commonly called Royallists, *or* Caveliers. R. M.

THE END.

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